

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

JUNE 2026



“In the beginning, God...” This is how the Bible begins and this is how all things begin, with God. “And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” God creates and brings to life through the Spirit. God breathed into Adam His life-giving Spirit. This is the same Spirit that gives us life and the same Spirit gives the Church life. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us to believe, therefore Martin Luther defined the 3rd Article of the Apostle’s Creed this way:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

St. Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians 2:13, “We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief

in the truth.” Jesus tells us that it is the Holy Spirit will guide us into all the truth, convict us of our sin, be our advocate teaching us all things and bringing to remembrance His word, and bringing us peace. This Holy Spirit accomplishes all these things and yet except on Pentecost Sunday very little is said about the Spirit of God.

We see in the book of Acts that it was the Holy Spirit that emboldened men and women to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. If the Church is going to have any power to transform lives and therefore transform our culture it will only be done through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul write to the church at Ephesus, “According to the riches of His glory may He grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.”

In the unity of the Spirit,

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MISSION STATEMENT

As members of North Immanuel Lutheran Church and in recognition of the gift of grace we have received through Jesus Christ, our Mission is:

- To develop a personal and spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- To provide an environment for the continuing Education and further teachings of all ages,
- To reach out to welcome all to grow with us in faith through worship and serving others in our community and throughout the world.

CEMETERY BOARD OFFICERS

Chairman—Duane Ishaug (218) 280-0589
Treasurer—Judy Johnson (218) 863-2204
Secretary—Tom Axness (218) 329-6882

North Immanuel is Online:

<http://www.facebook.com/NorthImmanuelLutheranChurch>
<http://www.nilchurch.org>

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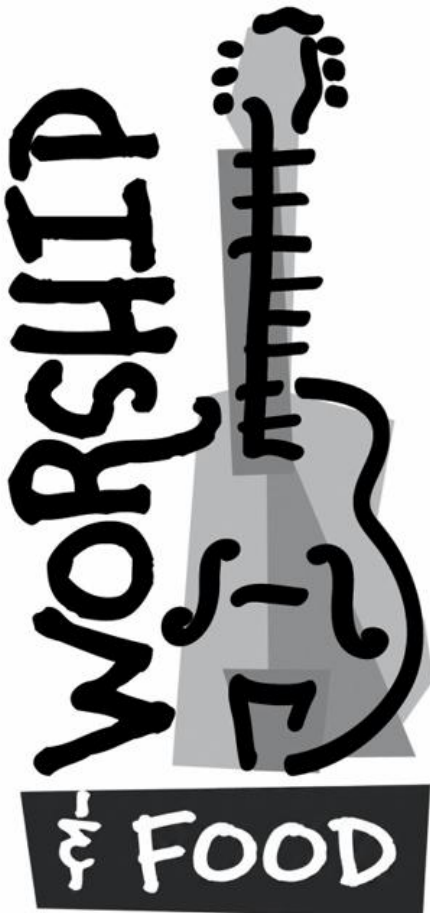


Following Worship service

North Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMC

*Join us for
Outdoor Worship Services*

- with Live Music!



9:00 AM Worship

Followed by fellowship meal for all

June 14 • Lee Brenna

At the NILC West Cemetery - 45019 Co. Hwy 21, Pelican Rapids

June 28 • Laura Hagen & Nita Velo

July 12 • The Granders

August 9 • Off The Hook

Bring your own lawn chair

In the event of rain - worship service and fellowship will be indoors

12713 County Highway 30, Pelican Rapids



Attention Youth of North Immanuel Lutheran Church

Are you interested in attending Bible Camp this year? If you are interested in attending, North Immanuel would like to help you with tuition. Please contact Erin Tollerud or Jane Knorr if you are interested and we will assist you in getting tuition reimbursement.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 30, 2026

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| Year to Date Income | \$32,260.60 |
| Year to Date Expenses | \$31,407.15 |
| Net | \$853.45 |

For those who'd like to give from afar or schedule recurring giving, online offering now available! Visit our website at NILChurch.org or scan the QR code:



North Immanuel Church Council Minutes

May 13, 2026

Present: Karen Bakken, Jane Knorr, Leon Dunham, Duane Ishaug, David Aas, Erin Tollerud, Bryant Briard, Pastor Nate Bjorge, and Shyla Strandlien Treasurer

Absent: Grant Meyer, Tom Axness, Nolan Dunham

Called to order by Duane Ishaug at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions led by Pastor Nate. Grafting, we can return if we stray

Treasurers Report – Two CDs are coming due in June. Shyla will come to the next meeting with interest rates and terms. Also discussed how much interest has been rolled into the CDs. Treasurers report was placed on file

Secretary's minutes reviewed by council before meeting. David Aas made a motion to approve. Leon Dunham 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Pastors Report – Bible study will continue through the summer. Still making visitations. Will be on vacation July 29th through August 5th. Roger Michaelson will be doing pulpit supply.

Committee Reports –

Evangelism and Worship – Summer worship is all lined up. Sign up sheet for food is going to be put on the table upstairs. Signs are going to be posted to surrounding areas. The council is serving July. Looked into postcards but will not be sending them out.

Stewardship – Spring cleaning is in the works. Notice in the bulletin about the giving basket in the back of the church.

Christian Education – Sunday school complete for the year. Four seniors recognized last week. We will be meeting soon to start planning VBS.

Property and Management – An estimate to repair two stained glass windows was received from Classic Glass. The amount was \$1830.00. David Aas made a motion to repair the windows. Leon Dunham 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Kitchen Cabinet Quote – Another quote was received from MW Cabinets from Erhard. The amount was \$22,300 which includes complete installation. Plumbing quote is not updated yet. This information will all be brought to the special congregational meeting on May 31st.

New Business –

Benevolence - A donation was given to an individual with medical expenses.

David Aas made a motion to give \$800 to the pool hall for an AED. Discussion was held on what the plan is for purchasing AEDs. David Aas rescinded his motion. Duane is going to contact Bill Osborne to get more information on the fundraising for the AED.

A suggestion was made to start sharing the peace during services. We will ask the congregation how they feel about it. Possibility of starting the service by greeting your neighbor was also suggested.

Meals on Wheels - Bryant brought up sending them a one-time donation or possibly a monthly donation. Karen Bakken will look into the needs of Meals on Wheels, and we will discuss it further at the June meeting.

Bryant suggested that we help the youth of the church with the cost of attending bible camp. It will be put in the Seed and Feed, and we will also text all the Sunday school parents that the council will help with tuition for anyone that would like to attend bible camp.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Submitted by Jane Knorr

NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

First and Third Sunday of each month

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship services

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Wednesdays

Serving Opportunities

- Serve Sunday Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. following worship
- Be a Reader Sunday morning
Reading material is available ahead of time
- Offer special music for worship service
Contact Bonnie H, Conni A, or Pastor Nate

Nate Bjorge, NILC Pastor

320-360-0277

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Nolan Dunham, Property & Management

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Grant Meyer, Property & Management

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Bryant Briard, Stewardship

218-849-8353

Leon Dunham, Worship

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David Aas, Worship

218-329-2135

Karen Bakken, Worship

701-412-6420

Erin Tollerud, Education

218-329-3393

Come Grow old with me, the Best is Yet to Be

The Following is a list of our members who are either in a Senior Living Facility, Nursing Home, or are homebound in some way.

We understand that at times like this, you may want to call ahead to see if a personal visit is encouraged or welcomed. If not, a phone call, a note or card in the mail goes a long way to warm a heart & brighten a day.

Dennis Stoen

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Dennis is living in the Pioneer Home in Deerwood.

Ila Ishaug

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If you know of someone who should or would like to be on this list please call or email the church office 218-863-5447 nilchurch@yahoo.com

The most important thing you can give the elderly is your TIME. Time is the most precious gift of all, and it doesn't cost a thing.



Birthdays are a good time to reflect on the blessings that you have been given by God. Here are our members who have birthdays in June so we can help each other celebrate.

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| Orin Berg | 06/02 | Donna Dunham | 06/15 |
| Gregory Brummer | 06/05 | Alexander Zinnecker | 06/17 |
| Samuel Klovstad | 06/06 | Robert Thompson | 06/18 |
| Taylor Johnson | 06/07 | Bennett Morey | 06/18 |
| Jane Knorr | 06/08 | Jay Axness | 06/22 |
| Mitchell Hovland | 06/10 | Maggie Knorr | 06/22 |
| Ole Axness | 06/13 | Shayla Jegtvig | 06/25 |
| Lee Follingstad | 06/14 | Jace Meyer | 06/25 |
| Duane Ishaug | 06/14 | Jason Lynnes | 06/29 |

This list is not yet complete. If you have a birthday in June and your name is not here, or if the date we have is incorrect, please call it to Kara so we can update our records. May your birthday be a blessed one!

June 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH | <i>6</i> |
| <i>7</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC | <i>8</i> LAST QTR MOON | <i>9</i> | <i>10</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH 6:00 p.m. Church Council mtg | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH | <i>13</i> |
| <i>14</i> FLAG DAY 9:00 a.m. WS with Lee Brenna at the West Cemetery | <i>15</i> Deadline for July S&F and Calendar NEW MOON | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POh | <i>18</i> | <i>19</i> JUNETEENTH 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH | <i>20</i> |
| <i>21</i> FATHER'S DAY 1 ST DAY OF SUMMER 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 1 ST QTR MOON | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH | <i>27</i> |
| <i>28</i> 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with Laura Hagen & Nita Velo | <i>29</i> FULL MOON | <i>30</i> | | | Greeters: Brad & Jane Knorr (7 & 14); Leon & Donna Dunham (21 & 28) | ***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.*** |

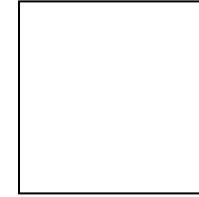
KEY: PTS=Pastors' Text Study; PDO=Pastor's Day Off; LL=Luther League; POH=Pastor's Office Hours; SS=Sunday School; HC=Holy Communion; WS=Worship Service; Conf.=Confirmation; BS=Bible Study; LS=Lenten Service

“A God wise enough to create me and the world I live in is wise enough to watch out for me.”
—Philip Yancey



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